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SUBJECT: VISIT OF GISCARD D'ESTAING TO CAR

1. OFFICIAL DAILY "CENTRAFRIQUE PRESS" REPORTED VISIT OF GISCARD D'ESTAING AS FOLLOWS: BANGUI LAST SUNDAY WAS CENTER OF FRANCO-CAR RELATIONS WITH M. GISCARD D'ESTAING, ON A PRIVATE VISIT TO CAR, STAYING IN THE CAPITAL OVERNIGHT BEFORE DEPARTING FOR PARIS MONDAY. LAST DAY OF THIS VISIT, WHICH WAS FOR PURPOSE OF REST AND HUNTING, WAS MARKED BY AUDIENCE GRANTED BY CHIEF OF STATE AND BY INTIMATE DINNER WHICH PRESIDENT BOKASSA OFFERED IN HONOR OF HIS GUEST. MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT WERE PRESENT AS WELL AS FRENCH CHARGE.

2. AT END OF THIS FAMILY DINNER, PRESIDENT AWARDED GISCARD RIBBON OF ORDER OF OPERATION BOKASSA. BOKASSA PRAISED HIS GUEST AS "GREAT MAN WHO REPRESENTS FRANCE WHEREVER HE HAPPENS TO BE, AND THROUGH HIM ALL FRANCE RECEIVES A PLEDGE OF LOVE AND FRATERNITY FROM VALIANT CENTRAL AFRICAN PEOPLE."

3. AFTER HAVING PRAISED QUALITIES OF SOUL, IMAGINATION, INTUITION AND WELCOME WHICH CENTRAL AFRICAN PEOPLE SHOW UNDER THEIR LEADER, GISCARD EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT STRONG TIES WHICH CAR AND FRANCE CHERISH.

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RM JUST BEFORE DEPARTURE MONDAY MORNING, GISCARD MADE
BRIEF RESUME OF CONVERSATION HE HAD WITH PRESIDENT BOKASSA.
IN EXCLUSIVE STATEMENT TO AFP, HE INDICATED HE HAD MADE WITH
PRESIDENT A TOUR OF FRANCO- CAR RELATIONS WHICH, HE EMPHASIZED,
REPRESENTED NO PARTICULAR DIFFICULTY. GISCARD ALSO REVEALED
THAT CAR CHIEF OF STATE HAD EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION AT
ATTITUDE ADOPTED BY FRANCE DURING INTERNATIONAL MONETARY
CRISIS, ATTITUDE WHICH TENDED TO PRESERVE INTERESTS OF
AFRICAN COUNTRIES DURING THIS CRISIS. FINALLY, GISCARD INDICATED
HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH GOCAR FINANCE MINISTER MATERIAL ECONOMIC
PROBLEMS, NOTABLY THAT OF CAR' S ACCESS TO SEA. DECONTROL ON
RECEIPT.

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